

Update on RRT Guidance Document Revisions & ESA/EFH Consultations

NY/NJ RRT Meeting
Edison, NJ
October 12-13, 2016

ESA/EFH Consultations for Dispersants and In-Situ Burning

- } FWS: Sent letter to reaffirm determination that dispersants and in-situ burning are *not likely to adversely affect* Federally listed species under FWS jurisdiction (April)
- } NMFS: Sent letter to reinitiate ESA Consultation and initiate EFH Evaluation (April)
- } NMFS ESA/EFH Biological Assessment/Evaluation:
 - *Target Date for first draft: August 10th*
 - Sent to Workgroup for input, review and comment: *Sept 9th*
- } Working with FWS & NMFS on emergency consultation checklists for ESA & EFH

On-Going/Future Efforts:

- } Bioremediation Guidance:
 - Comments received from NYS DEC
 - ERT commitment to develop further revisions
 - Other pressing priorities have postponed action

 - } Regional PA on protecting historical properties (NHPA Section 106)

 - } Freshwater response technologies
 - Draft Inland In-situ burning guidance

 - } Biological post-cleanup assessment
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